March 21, 2008

Ms. Tracy Robinson
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Re: Lafayette Criterium Bike Race

Dear Tracy:

It was a pleasure speaking with you recently. As we discussed, the Contra Costa Cycling Club would be pleased to present the fourth annual Lafayette Criterium Bike Race this year and therefore requests that the event be added to the agenda for the next City Council Meeting.

The event is planned for Sunday July 13th and the race course and time frames would be roughly the same as the previous three years. In review, the race course consists of Mt. Diablo Blvd., First Street and Golden Gate Way and requires the following temporary road closures (map enclosed):

- Mt. Diablo Blvd. between First Street and Golden Gate Way.
- First Street between Mt. Diablo Blvd. and Golden Gate Way.
- Golden Gate Way from approx. 50 yards west of First Street to Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Second Street between Mt. Diablo Blvd. and Golden Gate Way.

The required duration of the above road closures would be from 5:30 AM the morning of the event until approximately 4:30 PM that afternoon.

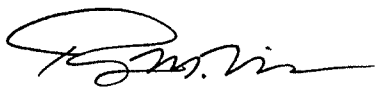
Following last year's race, I met with Ron Lefler, Public Works Manager, and Police Sergeant Roxane Gruenheid to discuss ways to improve the race and road closures. Both Sgt. Gruenheidt and Mr. Lefler recommended full closure of Mt. Diablo Blvd. between First Street and Golden Gate Way and providing a traffic detour using Brown Ave., Deer Hill Road, and First Street. This would eliminate concerns that Sgt. Gruenheidt had regarding race participants and spectators crossing the open westbound traffic lane on Mt. Diablo in years past. This would also eliminate confusion of drivers heading westbound on Mt. Diablo Blvd. Therefore, we request City Council's consideration of this change and authorization to proceed with City staff in planning for such road closures.

This year we would like to again designate the Lafayette Arts and Science Foundation as the charity beneficiary of the event. Last year's event sponsorship generated $2,000 for LASF and we are excited to continue this tradition of supporting a local charity.

As you are aware, the cost of producing the bike race is significant and in order to maximize the financial benefit to the designated charity we would like to explore the possibility of economizing the City fees. I understand the challenges of reducing the fees but feel that due to the potential charitable benefit, the topic warrants further discussion. As we discussed, perhaps we can meet with you City staff for further discussion.

The Lafayette Criterium Bike Race has been a successful event the past three years for the local kids, charities, participants and community at large. We are excited for the opportunity to work with the City of Lafayette in continuing this tradition and improving upon the race's success. Please feel free to contact me with any questions and let me know a convenient time for you and staff to meet.

Sincerely,



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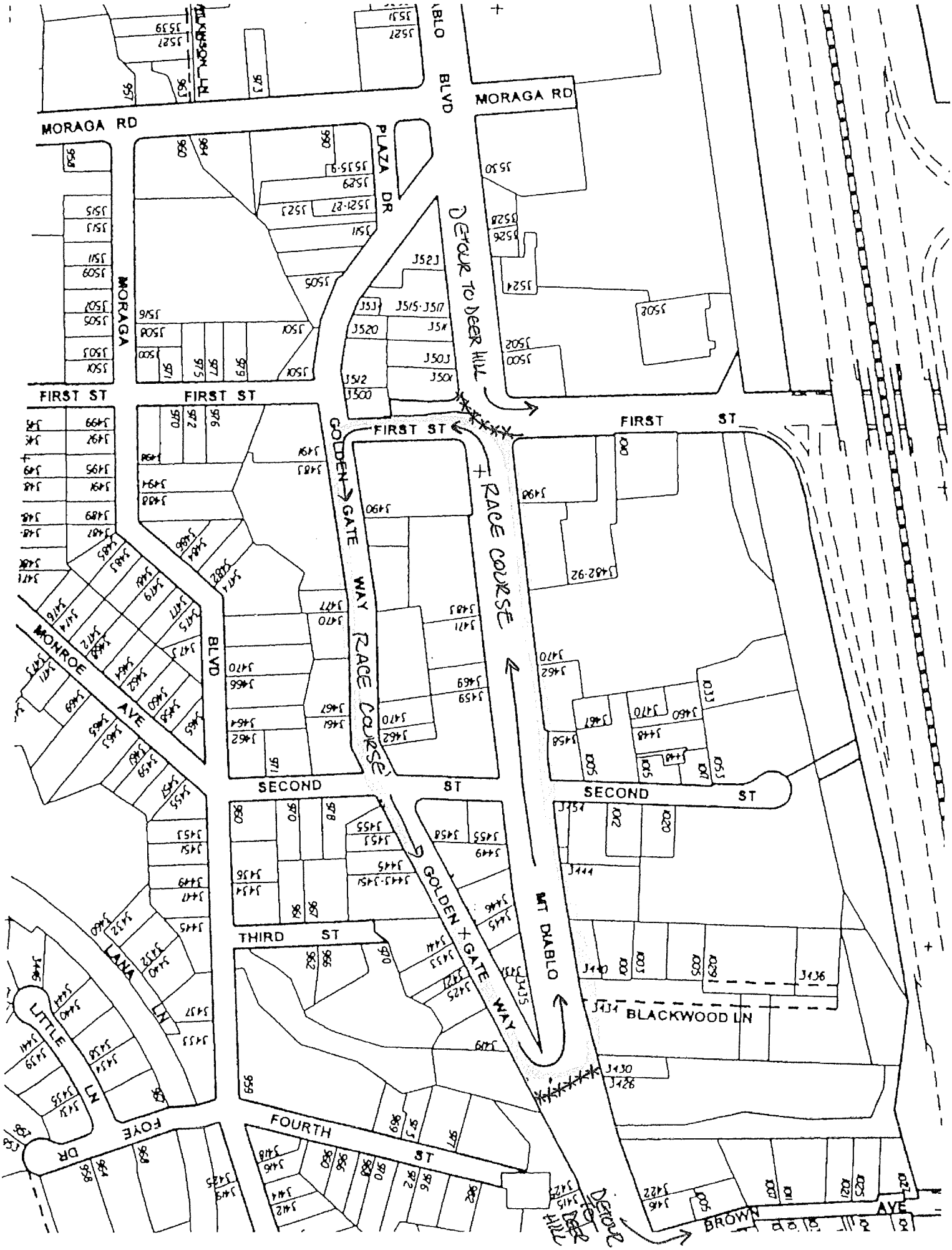
enclosure: street map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